



Spring

# YEAR 3

## NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

## CORE SUBJECTS

### Maths

In the first part of the term we will complete our work on formal methods of subtraction and move on to investigate and apply our knowledge of multiplication and division.

We will be particularly focusing on our knowledge of times tables-securing our 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and using our four times table to help us with learning our eights.

We will also be looking at measuring lengths and perimeters and learning to measure in mms, cms and metres and identifying equivalent lengths.

Home learning each week should include practice of times tables using [timetables.co.uk](http://timetables.co.uk).

### English

This term we will start by writing a finding tale, linked to the story 'Star in the Jar'. Through this, we will continue to learn about different sentence types, as well as how we can make our writing even more engaging with techniques such as similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

For non-fiction, we will be reading biographies, finding out about Mary Anning, the fossil hunter- which will link to our Science topic on Rocks and Fossils.

After half-term, we will look at adventure stories, focusing on 'The Secret of Black Rock', before writing a narrative diary linked to our Roman topic.

### Science

We are starting this term by looking at rocks and fossils, comparing and classifying different types of rocks and fossils and learning about how they are formed and where they are found.

In the second part of the term we will be investigating forces and magnets; looking at those materials that are and are not magnetic, and at how forces can make things move on different surfaces.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

### Computing

Children will learn how to search the internet appropriately and safely.

They will learn to find and use copyright free material to be used in their own presentations.

We will be using key words to search for information and then will use this information to create our own presentations linked to our History topic of Romans.

## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

### Music & French

In Music we will be focusing on Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

During French we will be learning the vocabulary for countries and to describe the things that we like. We will continue to practice our colours and counting to ten and will move onto numbers up to 20.

### RE & PSHE

In the Spring Term, the children will be learning about the Gospels and the kind of world that Jesus wanted. We will also be investigating the meaning of Salvation and why the day that Jesus died on the cross is known as 'Good Friday'.

During PSHE lessons we will look at rights and responsibilities. After half term our theme will be around how we can be the best we can be!

### History

We move on from our study of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and follow that timeline of Britain to the Roman Invasion in AD43.

Children will study the rise and expansion of the Roman Empire and the impact and legacy of its invasion of Britain.

We will study Roman artefacts and the lives of the Romans in Rome and Britain... and in Bishops Stortford!

### Art & D&T

Our theme for this term is Mono-printing - which will involve experimenting with various symmetrical and asymmetrical patterns and printing in 1 and 2 colours.

We will be developing these ideas by taking inspiration from our Roman topic and creating patterns for Roman shields.

Later in the term in D&T we will be working with Textiles and learning how to do cross-stitch and applique, as we make our own cushions.